



Rockford Board of Education

**Minutes
Education Committee Meeting
5:33 pm - 7:10 pm
Monday, June 2, 2014**

Present: Jude Makulec, Michael Harner, Caroline Gulbrandsen, Dyanna Chandler, Jaime Escobedo

Administration: Matt Vosberg, Vicki Jacobson, Dave Carson, James O'Hagan

Absent: Laura Powers, Maurice West, Travis Woulfe

I. Approval of Minutes – 5/05/14

Motion by Dr. Harner, seconded by Ms. Chandler. **Approved** unanimously.

II. Empowerment Zone Update – Vicki Jacobson, Asst. Superintendent Elementary Education

The 9 Empowerment Zone Schools are identified as having the highest poverty rates and lowest achievement levels. Those schools are:

Beyer	Lewis Lemon
Ellis	McIntosh
Haskell	Nelson
King	Walker
Kishwaukee	

Information presented:

- Additional Resources and Costs
 - Behavior Intervention Specialists (BIS)
 - Math Coaches
 - Restore Haskell to year-round status
- Implementation
 - Training Principals and BIS
 - Professional Development for teachers
 - Consulting Services
 - Side by Side Coaching
 - Training for 300 teachers
- Assessment: improvements in Tier 2 referrals, DEA Math and Growth

Discussion:

There will be no Rising Star Program next year, due to decline in number of students. BIS will be used in its place.

Beyer and Kishwaukee are priority schools in looking at Growth and Benchmarks.

This year, funding came from Title I. Next year, it will come from fund 10.

*Requested information:

Growth Level Charts for Ed Committee Members

Total cost for Empowerment Zone, next year.

III. CTE Course Textbook Adoption – Dave Carson, Exec. Dir. College & Career Readiness

An adoption of instructional materials for new courses is required due to expansion of elective offerings and academy implementation.

Information presented:

- New courses:
 - Education and Child Care Careers
 - Health Care Communication and Technology
 - Accounting II (not new, just expanded)
- Piloted texts: Health Occupations/Medical Terminology
- Expanded offerings:
 - Child Development
 - Introduction to Engineering and Industrial Technology
 - Health Occupations/Medical Terminology
- Cost and Materials
- Implementation and Assessment

Discussion:

The district makes the final decision whether to order textbooks or eBooks.

Motion to send to Board with Committee support by Dr. Harner, seconded by Ms. Gulbrandsen.

Approved unanimously.

IV. High School Academies Update – Dave Carson, Exec. Dir. College & Career Readiness

Information presented:

- Timeline for Academies Implementation through 2014-2015 school year
- Student distribution in each Academy, by school
- Summer Professional Development
- Post-secondary preparation
- Capstone concept (PREP)
 - Proposal
 - Research
 - Evidence
 - Presentation
- Projects with support from AR/CCRCs/ASTs
- Purpose

Discussion:

Capstone is a National Model.

CCRC is College and Career Readiness Council.

Each Academy is assigned an administrator.

V. School Improvement Planning Update – Travis Woulfe, Exec. Dir. of Improvement and Innovation presented by Matt Vosberg

Information presented:

- The Rising Star Plan has been submitted to the State, per mandate.
- The District will be using CSI (Center for School Improvement) to monitor benchmarks.
 - Priority Schools are: Beyer, Kishwaukee, Kennedy, West and CICS Jackson
 - ISBE and USDOE are negotiating the parameters of a *Focus Schools* designation
 - A District Leadership Team will work on a *K-5 Social/Emotional Learning Targets* plan
- AYP (Average Yearly Progress) will be replaced with MMI (Multiple Measures Index) to measure:
 - Growth
 - Course offerings
 - Extracurricular activities

Discussion:

- The District will “marry” SIP and SMART Learning Systems to:
 - Set a goal
 - Meet a goal
 - Measure a goal
- The District has 61 initiatives, some of which are:
 - BIS
 - Academies
 - PAR

VI. Virtual Learning Update – James O’Hagan, Director of Instructional Technology

The District will use innovative technology, service learning, student-centered instruction and personal responsibility to empower students to succeed.

Information presented:

- Background
 - Remote Educational Program Policy (6.185)
 - Currently a system of virtual offerings
 - Pressure from online charters
- Solution
- Cost
- Implementation
- Assessment

Discussion:

- 2 Virtual Online Programs:
 - ✓ Illinois Virtual, 10 week course
 - ✓ Florida Virtual, opened ended course
- Initial focus will be on credit recovery and accommodating class offerings with low enrollment.

VII. Education Committee Meeting Dates

Approved unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Chandler, seconded by Dr. Harner

Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

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